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V-E DAY OBSERVED WITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

NAVY SECRETARY SENDS V-E MESSAGE

The following message came from the Secretary of the Navy in an Al-Nav:

"President Truman has proclaimed the Unconditional Surrender of Germany. You and your Allies have won a great victory. The price was high; it has been won by determination, sacrifice and blood. With this Victory you have won something more; the admiration and gratitude of America and the world. The task has now been half accomplished. Another powerful enemy remains. It will require all our resolution and fortitude to destroy him. Only by so doing can we keep faith with those who have fallen. Let us now go forward to speedy and complete victory in the Pacific."

20 MORE CORPSMEN, WAVES RECEIVE RATES

Twenty more hospital corpsmen and Waves are wearing new rating badges as of 15 May, as the result of recent rating examinations taken on the compound. Congratulations to those who successfully mastered the jump.

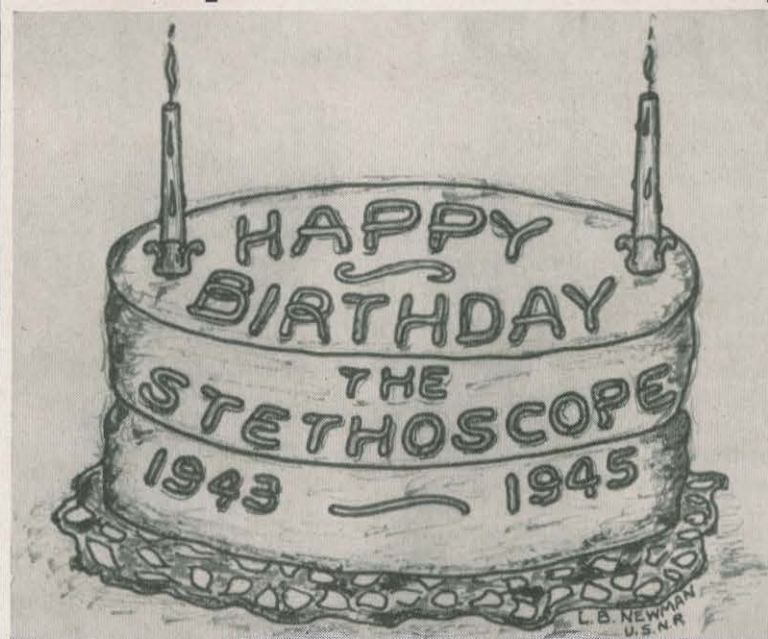
Promoted from Pharmacist Mate third class to Pharmacist Mate second class were: M. D. Athon, Katherine E. Schey, R. M. Hyatt, W. P. Andrews, J. E. Plute, and Margaret M. Crowley.

From Hospital Apprentice first class to Pharmacist Mate third class: Elizabeth M. Pherson, R. T. Quigley, Howard Claybrook, C. J. Kaehler, Elizabeth Larsen, D. L. Leighton, Preson Proctor, L. E. Wicke, C. R. Wood, Helen Schmid, Shirley McGosley, J. E. Moore, Jean McDonald and J. F. Sheils.

IT'S A GIRL

Congratulations to Chief Pharmacist and Mrs. Robert L. Thrasher on the birth of their daughter at Maynard hospital on 7 May. Both Mr. and Mrs. Thrasher are veterans on the hospital compound, the former on duty in the store room and Mrs. Thrasher was formerly employed here in the civilian employment office.

Stethoscope Has Second Anniversary



On the occasion of its Second Anniversary of publication, The Stethoscope says Happy Birthday to one and all. With this issue the station paper boasts two years of activity.

Volume One, No. 1 of the USS—?, the newly born Stethoscope, yet unnamed, appeared for distribution on the compound 15 May, 1943, with Chaplain J. J. Keenan as its editor-in-chief. Featuring a farewell to the first commanding officer of the hospital Capt. F. F. Murdoch, the modest four page mimeograph sheet, was published bi-weekly.

The paper was founded and organized under the combined efforts of Chaplain Keenan and the Red Cross. F. A. Olson, PhM1c, took over as editor-in-chief of the publication on 21 August, 1943, following the departure of the Chaplain from the station. Olson served as editor of the paper until February, 1945, when he received orders to report for sea duty, at which time the present editor-in-chief took over.

The Stethoscope was recommissioned and appeared in a new dress on 21 March, 1944, when it emerged

from a mimeographed sheet to a printed paper taking its place in the world of hospital newspapers. Printed by the University Printing Company since taking that form, the Stethoscope editor wishes to serve a large piece of its birthday cake to that firm for its helpful suggestions and invaluable aid in publishing.

Since the first anniversary of the paper, many of the enlisted and officer personnel of the hospital who have been responsible for the welfare of the Stethoscope have departed for sea duty and other stations. Chief among these have been the hospital's second commanding officer, Commodore J. T. Boone; former executive officer, Capt. J. P. Brady and F. B. Ramme, PhM1c, former staff photographer.

At the present time The Stethoscope is published weekly under the direction of Captain F. C. Hill, medical officer in command. To the executive officer, Captain French R. Moore, is extended our thanks for his helpful advice. Serving on the present advisory staff are: Lt. Cmdr. R. C. Manchester (MC) USNR; Lt. Paul Thompson (S) USNR; Lt. A. T. Matthews (S) USNR; and Lt. (jg) Dorothy L. Chandler (W) USNR.

Personnel Pledges Continued Fight

Seattle Naval Hospital personnel and patients paused briefly on 8 May, V-E Day, to pay tribute to the victorious European forces of the United States and Allied Nations. A thanksgiving service at the noon hour highlighted the celebration of V-E Day on the Naval hospital compound.

A packed auditorium of staff personnel, patients and civilian employees heard a brief message delivered by Medical Officer in Command Captain F. C. Hill, who called on all present to celebrate the day in a "spirit of thanksgiving," and to continue the job of winning the war with the final defeat of Japan. Captain Hill released to the audience a message from Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King, USN, Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations, who said:

"General Eisenhower has announced the cessation of organized resistance in Europe. A thrilled and grateful nation is justifiably proud of all who made this accomplishment possible.

"But this is total war—a global war. We are but half-way to complete victory. There remains to be conquered the entire Japanese nation. Men are still fighting and still dying and will continue to fight and to die in the hard push to Tokyo.

"The casualty lists tell the story, tragic yet glorious of the fighting men's will to win unconditional victory no matter what the cost. We have a solemn compact with these men. The road that lies ahead demands from each of us a matching determination and unity of effort that will shorten the time during which such sacrifices must continue.

"Today every worker should rededicate himself and herself to the task of providing these men with the fire-power they need to smash the remaining enemy. To delay now in celebration of past success would be fatal to carefully laid plans. We cannot—and must not—pause in discharge of our duty so long as a Jap remains a threat to the life of a

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A PATTERN FOR LIVING

The military victory which we have gained over our enemies in Europe, is one of the greatest achievements in our history. That which we will win in the Pacific will be of equal credit to our force of arms. But military victories have not been the reason for our engaging in this conflict. Self protection and the preservation of certain ideals which we uphold, were the reasons for our participation. The conflict did not have its inception with the bombing of Pearl Harbor. It began in the dim dark ages of the past and will continue long after the present armistice.

The history of mankind is fraught with the struggle for security, freedom and peace against the powers of greed, selfishness and aggression. When a sufficient number of mankind imbued with the same evil qualities represent a strong and moving force, war and unhappiness are eventualities. The conquest of these qualities is essential to complete victory.

About 2,000 years ago a great and good Man expounded a simple principle which holds the key to security, freedom and peace. He stated it in a few simple words. "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Practicing and living this doctrine, endowing our children and our children's children with the same tenet, would help mightily in the art of living and attaining the final V-Day.

JOHN F. RAMSAY, (MC) USNR,
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Where Did Word "Chit" Originate?

The word "chit" frequently is used in the Navy. Where did it originate? In the days of the British East India Company, Hindu traders used slips of paper called "citthi" for money so that they wouldn't have to carry heavy bags of gold and silver.

British sailors shortened the word to "chit" and applied it to their mess vouchers. American sailors adopted the expression with a similar meaning. Today it is applied to any piece of paper from a pass to an official letter.

PERSONNEL PLEDGES—

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single soldier or sailor. Let each of us get on with our job."

Speaking on behalf of the enlisted men of the station for the occasion was F. W. Waetzig, PhM1c of the staff and Mrs. Gladys Shaw repre-

N.P. Record Office Crew Holds Picnic

Seventeen members of Port watch in the N. P. Record Office and corpsmen from Wards 36 and 37 enjoyed a department picnic at Woodlawn park on 7 May, with a day-after report that a "swell time was had by all." Accompanying the group on the picnic was Chief Rack and Ensign Barbara Stark.

Following the "feed" the picnickers said they "visited the zoo" and tried their hand at a bit of bicycle riding.

sented the civilian workers on the base, with a brief talk. The program which was presided over by Chaplain Thrift, included selections by the station orchestra, community singing of the national anthem and benediction.

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Know Your Officers



A native of Seattle, Lieutenant Commander Joseph Josephson (DC) USN, celebrated his first anniversary on the U. S. Naval hospital compound on 3 March. Reporting here from the U. S. Naval Receiving Barracks, Aiea Heights, Pearl Harbor, Dr. Josephson, assistant dental officer, previously served at Naval posts in San Diego, in Hawaii and Johnston Island.

A graduate of North Pacific Dental College in 1941, Dr. Josephson was engaged in general practice before reporting for Naval duty on 10 November, 1941.

Essay Contest Open On Subject of NP Care

CHICAGO, Ill. (HCQNS)—An essay contest of interest to medical department personnel engaged in care of neuropsychiatric patients was announced last week by the magazine The Modern Hospital, published at 919 North Michigan Ave., Chicago 11, Ill.

Three prizes of \$500, \$350 and \$150 are offered for essays under 5,000 words proposing plans for improving treatment of NP patients in civilian hospitals. All medical department personnel are eligible since the magazine allows wide latitude in type of article submitted, in fact, warns against the purely medical treatise. Contest closes 1 October, 1945. Full information may be obtained from the above address.

Japs Put Ceiling On Sailors' Suicides

Pacific (CNS)—An acute manpower shortage in the Japanese Navy is putting a crimp in that fine old Jap custom of hari-kiri.

The Office of War Information, in a report on manpower losses in the Jap Navy, based on official information from the Navy Department and other U. S. Government agencies, says:

"The willingness of Japanese to commit hari-kiri is no longer considered a virtue because so many of the Navy's best sailors have done away with themselves."

The Japs have lost approximately 262,000 Navy personnel, including at least 25,000 members of the Naval Air Corps, OWI says.

Chaplain's Corner

DIVINE SERVICES

Hospital Chapel
CATHOLIC

Chaplain John Lane
Sunday Masses.....0620 and 0930
Weekday Mass.....0620 Daily
Novena Service.....Tuesday 1800
Confessions: Heard before all masses

PROTESTANT

Chaplains.....W. Boyd Thrift
Lloyd A. Doty
Divine Services.....1030
Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays, 1700

Crisis And Opportunity

Taken all in all, this is a pretty rough world for most of us to be living in, especially if we're young. The present is something which other people have decided for us, and the future is an empty blank. We don't know where we're going, but we're definitely on our way. And the end is not in sight.

Yet we needn't let all this confusion discourage us if we realize that a time of crisis is also a time of opportunity. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton and John Marshall lived in a time of discouragement and of crisis. But they saw also in their time many opportunities, and used them not only to improve themselves but also to lay the foundation for the national strength we now enjoy in the United States.

Probably one reason some of us don't enjoy the prospect of shifting from the life of the service man to the life of the civilian is that it will require a change. We'll have to adjust ourselves all over again to a new set of ways to live. And some of it isn't going to be easy. The good thing about it is that we'll be thrown once again on our own resources.

Having to be your own boss after you've followed the orders of somebody else for a long time actually amounts to a crisis. How we handle that situation will show whether or not we have learned that a crisis can also be an opportunity.

—W. B. T.

Officers Dance At Olympic Hotel 17 May

A semi-formal dance for Officers will be held in the Spanish Ballroom at the Olympic Hotel, Thursday, 17 May from 2000 to 2345 at \$2.00 a couple.

This dance is being sponsored by the District Recreation Department with music furnished by the Naval station band. A floor show will be one of the attractions of the evening with "Speck" Watkins, the original Popeye, as Master of Ceremonies.

BRONZE STAR AWARDED STAFF MEMBER FOR SAIPAN ACTION

Richard E. Thomas, Pharmacist's Mate First Class of Seattle, on the staff of the Seattle Naval Hospital, was presented with the Bronze Star Medal and Citation by Medical Officer in Command Captain F. C. Hill, on 4 May.

On the staff here since last December, Thomas spent two years overseas, serving with the Fleet Marine Force in the Second Division. He took part in the invasions of Guadalcanal, Saipan, Tinian, and Tarawa. Formerly master-at-arms at the Hospital Corps Quarters, Thomas last week was transferred to duty at the Ships Service tailor shop.

The citation read by Captain Hill and signed by Lt. Gen. H. M. Smith, USMC, read as follows: "For meritorious achievement in action against the enemy while serving as a member of a reconnaissance platoon attached to a landing team of a Marine Division during operations on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 27 June 1944. During an 81-millimeter mortar barrage, Pharmacist Mate First Class Thomas, with utter disregard for his own safety, ran from foxhole to foxhole to render medical aid to wounded personnel while the barrage was still falling. His quick action resulted in the saving of several lives. Pharmacist Mate First Class Thomas' conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."



Richard E. Thomas, Pharmacist's Mate First Class, member of the hospital staff, wears the Bronze Star medal for meritorious achievement in action against the enemy on Saipan.

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MACHINERY STARTED FOR RELEASE OF RETIRED ENLISTED PERSONNEL

The enlisted personnel situation has improved to such an extent that by 1 January, 1946, it is desired that substantially all retired enlisted men be released to inactive duty, according to a statement made recently in a letter from the Chief of Naval Personnel to all ships and stations. Exceptions to the foregoing will be made

only in the cases of retired enlisted men holding key positions who continue fit for active duty. All other retired enlisted men shall be released to inactive duty as their services can be spared and such releases shall be accomplished progressively and without further reference to the Bureau. The total number of retired enlisted men on active duty as of 1 April, 1945, in each administrative command shall be used in determining the rate of release. Fifteen per cent (15%) of this number will be released prior to 31 July, 1945, and 15% additional will be released during each succeeding month through December, 1945.

Administrative Commands are directed to submit to the Bureau, not later than 1 November, 1945, recommendation as to retention on active duty beyond 1 January, 1946, of key retired enlisted men, indicating name, rate, duty assignment, and brief description of key posi-

tion for which retention after 1 January, is considered essential for the furtherance of the war effort. A maximum of not more than 10 per cent in any Administrative Command may be so certified for the Bureau's consideration for retention on active duty after 1 January, 1946.

Retired enlisted men to be released to inactive duty shall be transferred to a receiving station or personnel redistribution center in continental U.S. nearest their homes for release processing. This is desired in order to insure that the new responsibilities imposed by the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, are met with respect to informing personnel released from service of certain rights and privileges to which they are entitled.

When deemed necessary reliefs will be furnished by administrative commanders who are responsible for the distribution of enlisted per-

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Western Union Relaxes Rules On Messages

The Western Union office on the hospital station has announced the relaxation of rules governing the sending of congratulatory messages.

Service men may now send such telegrams to their families including congratulations on births, anniversaries, birthday greetings, etc. The greetings may be sent in the serviceman's own wording. Form messages may also be sent concerning arrival at the hospital.

Smoking Lamp Once Was Really a Lamp

In the days before the modern cigaret lighter, when sailors couldn't carry matches for reasons of safety or scarcity, lamps from which a man could get a light were hung in the forecabin and other convenient places on shipboard.

Smoking aboard these ships of yesteryear was restricted to specified periods by the bosuns or deck officers who ordered "Smoking lamp lit," or "Smoking lamp out."

Speakers on V-E Day Program in Auditorium



Mrs. Gladys Shaw speaks for the civilian employees on the hospital compound in the above picture taken during the V-E Day observance held in the hospital auditorium. Shown at the extreme left is Chaplain W. B. Thrift, who delivered the benediction and presided at the meeting; Captain French R. Moore, executive officer; Commanding Officer Captain F. C. Hill, and at the far right, F. W. Waetzig, PhM1c, who spoke in behalf of the enlisted personnel.

SPORTS

GEORGE NASH, SPORTS EDITOR

MEN'S INTRA-MURAL BALL SEASON OPENS

The men's intra-mural softball league got under way last week with three games being played. The games were hotly contested and if these tussels can be any criterion, a season of interesting and intense rivalry can be expected.

The Officers and Education teams opened the league play-off with the Officers winning a 13-6 victory. It was a free-hitting affair with the big 6 spurt in the fourth inning assuring the winners the margin of victory. Lt. (jg) Beebe hurled for the officers, while Capt. Anderson served them up for the Education team.

In the second game, Rehabilitation triumphed over Storeroom No. 1, 17-8. The Rehab ten had too much power and with Hogan, hurling creditable ball, they breezed into an easy win. Vanderhinder hurled for the losers.

In the best game of the series, the Marine Guards defeated the Commissary ten, 4-2, featuring good pitching and timely fielding by both clubs. Lucky Lager was the winning pitcher. The Commissary ten used three pitchers in a valiant effort, Higgins started and pitched 2 innings; Doty toiled for the next 3 and Fisher worked one and one-half with Doty again taking up the task in the fatal seventh.

Intra-Mural Standings

	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Marine Guards	1	0	1.000
Officers	1	0	1.000
Rehabilitation	1	0	1.000
Commissary	0	1	.000
Education	0	1	.000
Storeroom No. 2	0	1	.000

Women's Intra-Mural Tennis Tournament

A women's intra-service tennis tournament for the Seattle and Bremerton areas will be conducted 1 June to 15 July.

The type of tournament such as round-robin, etc., is dependent upon the number of entries from any Naval station, and insofar as possible matches will be played on Army and Navy facilities.

The American Lawn Tennis Association rules will be used in all matches and entry blanks should be in by 20 May. Anyone interested in signing up may contact the Athletic Gear Locker or call Lt. Middleton at 227.

Knoxville, Tenn. (CNS)—State Highway patrolmen stopped a small coupe on a local highway. Inside were a man and a woman—and 432 pints of bootleg gin.

Phys. Fitness Office In New Location

If you're looking for the Physical Fitness office these days you will find that it has moved to its new quarters and is now located in the solarium of Hospital Corps Quarters Barracks No. 11. The headquarters for the department moved last week and in addition to the new office space occupied by the department, the rear half of Barracks 11 has been given over to a corrective and remedial exercise gymnasium.

According to Lt. A. T. Matthews, not all of the equipment has been installed but there are mats and some equipment ready for use. The new headquarters is located in the northernmost barracks on the compound.

The Athletic Gear locker is still located in the HCQ bag room and is open daily from 1630 to 2100 for the purpose of distributing athletic equipment to patients and staff personnel. There is also an indoors exercise area located at the gear locker for use during inclement weather. Lt. Middleton, in charge of staff physical fitness, will be found at the gear locker office. Telephone Extension 227, will reach personnel at both offices.

Varsity Softball Ten Suffers Two Defeats

The hospital softball team is having trouble in their league games and as a result they have yet to garner a victory. In two games played last week they were defeated by the Naval Station 8-1 and by Alaska Communications School 5-2.

Coach Hodgins is still searching for playing talent, especially pitchers. Anyone interested is urged to turn out for practice.

Boxscore

	R	H	E
Naval Hospital	1	5	0
Naval Station	8	11	0

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	R	H	E
Naval Hospital	2	2	0
A. C. School	5	3	0

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Men's Intra-Mural League

21 May—

1730 Education vs. Marine Guard.
1830 Rehabilitation vs. Commissary.

22 May—

1730 Officers vs. Storeroom No. 2.
Women's Intra-Mural League

23 May—

1745 Port Waves vs. Cadet Nurses.

Varsity Teams

17 May—

Naval Hospital vs. Supply Ships

Florida, Michigan Patients from Iwo



Receiving treatment and rest here from their battle experiences at Iwo Jima are the pictured patients from Florida and Michigan. Pictured in the top photo from Michigan are, first row, left to right: Pfc. W. J. Merecki, Detroit, and Pvt. J. R. Cypher, Detroit; second row, Pfc. A. A. Stirzinger, Detroit; and Pfc. R. E. Hansell, Cassopolis; and Pfc. R. E. Musk of Muskegon.

Patients from Florida are: first row, left to right: Pfc. W. M. Bennett, Bushwall; D. W. Nix, CM2c, Crystal River, second row; I. F. Moccia, CM1c, Jacksonville; and J. Tompkins, Cox, Live Oak.

LONG ROAD TO TOYO SEEN BY ADM. KING

Washington (CNS)—The Pacific War has moved faster than was expected a year ago, but we still have "a long, tough and laborious road ahead." That is the considered opinion of Adm. Ernest J. King, U. S. Fleet Commander, expressed in his annual report to the Secretary of the Navy. Adm. King revealed that there never has been a "time-table" for operations in the Pacific—the only thought was "to go as far and as fast as the means in hand would permit." But the very speed of operations has created new production problems, he added, with "production of certain necessities falling behind requirements."

Hillsdale, Mich (CNS)—Charles Wakeman keeps hickory nuts beside his bed. He feeds them to squirrels at night.

Waves at Jefferson Park.

18 May—

Naval Hospital (men) vs. Port Headquarters at Montlake Field.

Kadette Kapers

Something new — motorboating! And it's quite a trip according to Jacobs, Baldrige, Jurgeson, Kroh, Jackson and Iverson.

Poor Music — she has a knee injury that football players often receive. What kind of liberties have you been pitching Masie?

Home, after three years overseas, comes Roberts' man. She's one happy girl.

Gilman wears the summer Cadet uniform with a Montana touch added. The hat is tilted at just the right angle. In case you haven't heard—McGinley and Rye have quite a time with "Behind those Swinging doors."

Moen, Dodge and Swan have something in common with Blue Grass.

Baldrige has a bad time at details. It seems that she has a detail assigned to her married name of Baldrige and another detail assigned to her maiden name West.

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COMMISSARY DEPARTMENT RINGS THE DINNER BELL

Thousands Of Meals Prepared In Galley

It takes a heap of planning, lots of work and no little ingenuity to buy for, prepare and serve approximately 10,000 meals a day. That's the average number prepared and served in the commissary department of the hospital.

The Commissary Department, headed by Lt. John J. Joyce (HC) USN, commissary officer assisted by Pharm. Paul T. Stennfeld, USN, takes care of a business approximate to that of a large restaurant with the added responsibility of serving well balanced meals three times a day to patients as well as staff.

According to Lt. Joyce the number of meals now being served each month is approximately 30,000 and has reached as high as over 107,000.

A complement of 56 enlisted personnel and 27 civilians of which number 20 are cooks, four bakers and three butchers are on duty in the commissary department.

Handling of the procurement, receiving and inspection of foods, storage, meat cutting, baking, preparing of dry and fresh provisions occupies the departments which are kept busy on a 24-hour a day basis.

In addition to buying and supplying the nurses' mess which is located at the nurses' quarters, mess halls accommodate patients, enlisted personnel, officers and include a special diet kitchen and dining hall and the preparation of food sent to the wards. In addition to the preparation of three meals a day, a fourth meal is served near midnight to the night duty staff.

Forty-nine chow carts are in service, operated by the ward corpsmen who call for and deliver the prepared food to the ward galleys for serving.

Menus are prepared three weeks in advance to meet the market conditions and facilitate the purchase of stocks. It costs approximately 60 cents a day per person to feed the compound.

Although breakfast is prepared as served, the dinner menu is under preparation by midmorning with the same holding true for the evening meal. According to Lt. Joyce, the compound is fortunate in being able to secure fresh frozen vegetables which are served almost exclusively. Although Navy regulations have allowed the serving of butter at only two meals per day, through good management the commissary department has been able to give the personnel butter at every meal.

As a sample of the super-quantities of foods necessary to feed such a large throng, it was learned that 300 pies are needed for one meal.



Shown in the accompanying "galley shots" are commissary workers hard at work preparing a forthcoming meal. Pictured above are three of the hospital cooks from left to right, J. R. Sanislo, SC2c, T. Herbert, SC2c, and P. G. Landry, SC1c, at work in the main galley. Corpsmen from the wards are standing by to receive their chow carts as Wave Mary Sawyer HA1c, fills the containers for the electrically heated chow dispensers.

Extend Term For V-12's In Premed And Predental

WASHINGTON, D.C. (HCQNS)—Premedical and predental students in the V-12 program will be required to continue present studies for two terms and one term respectively beyond their scheduled completion dates of 1 November 1945 or 1 March 1946. The extension was made necessary by the fact that virtually no medical or dental schools will convene new classes between 15 October 1945 and 16 September 1946.

Approximately 4,000 eggs are used in a day, 600 pounds of bread, 400 gallons of milk and 2400 bottles of milk and 6,000 pounds of meat in a week.

"Our waste is at a minimum," said Lt. Joyce, who stated that waste can be controlled in serving in the mess halls, but is harder to control on the wards where a full portion of food must be served to all patients, whether they eat it or not.



New Rocket Plane To Hit 100,000 MPH

Los Angeles (CNS)—Add urgent reasons for preventing World War III:

Hall L. Hibbard, vice president and chief engineer of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation says a rocket plane flying 100,000 miles an hour at an altitude of 100 miles above the earth, is entirely possible.

"There is no problem connected with the use of jet propulsion that either has not been solved or cannot be solved," Mr. Hibbard declared. He declared that the German Messerschmitt 163 has no ceiling except that imposed by limited fuel capacity and stratospheric pressures.

Med. Officers In Command May Award Purple Hearts

WASHINGTON, D.C. (HCQNS)—To eliminate delay between time of wound and award of the Purple Heart, the Secretary of the Navy has authorized the presentation of the award by medical officers in command of all hospitals within the continental limits.

In addition, fleet commanders are authorized to delegate authority to award the Purple Heart "to commanding officers of such hospital ships, advance base or other hospitals within their commands as they may deem necessary for this purpose."

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Information Given on Discharge Or Release of Overage Personnel

In a circular letter from the Chief of Naval Personnel directed to all ships and station, information is given regarding the applications for Discharge or Release to Inactive Duty of Enlisted Personnel, including Waves V-10, 42 years of age or over.

Due to the existing conditions and the urgent need for personnel, the Navy cannot consider favorably the wholesale discharge or release to inactive duty of enlisted personnel. The termination of the war in Europe will require a redistribution of Naval forces rather than demobilization. However, the discharge of certain enlisted personnel, 42 years of age or over, has become possible except in certain instances. It is now considered expedient to permit commanding officers to effect these discharges without prior reference to the Bureau. Accordingly, commanding officers are directed to approve requests and take steps to effect discharge or release to inactive duty, as applicable, of inducted personnel (USN-I), enlisted personnel of the Naval Reserve, and enlisted men of the Fleet Reserve, 42 years of age or over.

In order that the operating efficiency of an activity where a large number of personnel 42 years of age or over is now assigned will not be impaired, discharges or releases to inactive duty shall be effected progressively (a) during three months after receipt of this letter for personnel assigned duty within the continental limits of the United States; (b) during six months after the receipt of this letter for personnel assigned duty afloat or on foreign bases.

The following policy will govern discharge or release to inactive duty:

Requests will be considered by commanding officers only when initiated and officially submitted, in writing by the individuals concerned.

In order to be eligible for discharge or release to inactive duty personnel must have passed their 42nd birthday.

Inducted (USN-I) personnel and enlisted personnel of the Naval Reserve: Discharge with an Honorable Discharge (NavPers 660) provided the individual's record and marks meet the requirements for Honorable Discharge in accordance with existing instructions; that is, has not been convicted by GCM or more than one SCM (for exceptions see Article D-9115 (7)) and minimum final average marks are 3.0 in proficiency and 3.25 in conduct. The reason for discharge shall be for the convenience of the government and such personnel upon discharge are entitled to travel allowance in accordance with Article 2503-10 (f) (3), U. S. Naval Travel Instructions. Article D-9103 (1) does not provide "convenience of the government" as a reason for entitlement to an Honorable Discharge certificate (NavPers 660). Instructions con-

tained in this article are hereby modified to authorize convenience of the government as a reason for entitlement to an Honorable Discharge to personnel whose records so warrant, insofar as discharges effected under the authority contained in this letter are concerned. Enlisted personnel applying for discharge under the provisions of this letter and who do not meet the requirements for Honorable Discharge shall be discharged under honorable conditions for the convenience of the government.

Fleet Reserve: Release to inactive duty. Requests from enlisted men sick in a hospital, men awaiting trial by court martial, undergoing punishment as a result of a sentence of court-martial, or otherwise involved in disciplinary action, will be disapproved by the commanding officer. However, when men are fully restored to duty and are no longer in a disciplinary status, in-

cluding probationary status, their discharges may be effected in accordance with this letter.

Reliefs when required will be furnished by administrative commanders who are responsible for the redistribution of enlisted personnel in accordance with reference (e). While the Bureau desires that reliefs be furnished where required, it is not desired that personnel be retained until a relief reports except in those instances in which the war effort would otherwise be seriously hampered.

The foregoing provisions are not applicable to men of the regular Navy, nor to regular Navy personnel who request transfer to the Fleet Reserve subsequent to the receipt of reference (a).

No man shall be discharged outside the continental limits of the United States except in accordance with reference (c). In this connection, attention is invited to the instructions contained in reference (f) and Article D-7019 (1), BuPers Manual.

No applications shall be forwarded under the provisions of reference (a) after receipt of this letter. However, applications which have already been forwarded to the Bureau will be processed and disposed of by the Bureau.

Personnel who subsequently become 42 years of age and who re-

SWAPPED TYPEWRITERS FOR GUNS ON LEYTE

Leyte (CNS)—Headquarters personnel of the 5th Air Force—statistical experts, planners, members of the band, special service units, etc.—came out from behind their desks and typewriters to help drive off three Japanese paratrooper attacks in five day during the Leyte campaign in December.

For their performance, the "non-combattants" were presented by an Infantry company with a Jap battle flag and two Jap rifles mounted on a board bearing the 5th Air Force shoulder insignia in one corner and the Infantry unit's insignia in the other.

Panama City, Fla. (CNS) — High School boys here have organized a club to protest the dungaree-wearing fad now popular with their feminine classmates. Members of the club wear skirts.

Is it true that there is a sign in a store in Seattle which reads: Hats altered to fit any promotion.

quest discharge or release to inactive duty under the provisions of this letter, shall be eligible therefore and their discharge or release to inactive duty, as applicable, shall be effected.

HOSPITAL PERSONNEL ENJOYS YACHTING TRIP



Three bus loads of Naval Hospital personnel including patients, staff, nurses and officers, were guests of members of the Seattle Yacht Club at their recent opening of the season. Pictured above are a group of patients, officers and nurses on one of the yachts, snapped before the cruise over Lake Washington and Puget Sound started. Guests witnessed the sail boat races and were royally entertained by their hosts.

HOSPITAL INTERNE GROUP NEAR END OF TRAINING

18 Serve Medical Apprenticeship

Completing the serving of their medical apprenticeships, 13 internes are now winding up their Navy V-12 educational programs at this hospital and five other internes are in the process of serving their educational time in the hospital.

Under the V-12 program the internship service requires nine months under an accelerated plan as agreed upon with the War Manpower Commission, the Council of Education of the American Medical Association and the nation's medical schools. The usual internship required by medical schools before the war was one year.

The government spends \$25,000 on each student in the V-12 program during his schooling and internship. This includes clothing, food, shelter and \$50 per month.

Since the war the demands of the services for medical officer personnel have been acute, both branches have adopted a streamlined curriculum of medical education in which the training is concentrated into three years, and the completion of their education is accomplished by nine months internship in selected Army, Navy and Civilian hospitals.

Internes at this hospital are under the direction of Captain C. E. Watts, chief of medicine.

Opportunities for the interne at this hospital are many. They work under outstanding doctors, many of whom were faculty members of medical schools. They are given the chance to survey and study every type of case.

The Bureau of Medicine and Surgery has adopted a rotating type of internship which is available in all selected Naval hospitals. The doctors are given a designated period of time in medicine, surgery, laboratory work and obstetrics training, the latter being completed at Providence and Columbia hospitals in Seattle and at the 13th Naval District headquarters out-patient department.

The ward medical officer instructs the interne on the individual case at sick call and ward rounds. The head of the department arranges clinical conferences. The internes meet three times each week for such conferences and lectures. During their period of internship, each young doctor is expected to prepare and present a paper before the general staff meeting.

All internes stand ward watches, according to the port and starboard system. They stand an officer-of-the-day watch nightly with two doctors on the desk from 1630 to 0800. They make the evening rounds on the wards and assist in emergency cases.

On all watches, during which they are under the supervision of senior



Shown in the above picture are a group of the hospital internes including, from left to right, Lts. (jg) Charles Schlageter, R. L. Schaefer, R. D. Storeck, L. M. Keith, E. F. Ewen, H. M. Cogburn, G. P. Kotcher, J. P. Maguire, R. A. Kallsen and F. R. Asbury. Not present when the picture was taken were: Lts. (jg) Laurence Erickson, E. Y. Hakanson, Arthur Bobroff, W. F. Hutson, A. G. Starr, J. R. Newkirk, Eugene Bastien and A. J. Hoffa.

'Secret Weapon' Kills Millions But Victims Are Only Insects

By Camp Newspaper Service

It was the Germans who first started talking about "secret weapons" in this war—and the Nazis actually produced a few, like the "buzz bombs" which caused considerable damage and casualties in southeastern England.

But a really great secret weapon has been developed by the American government and used on a wide scale by the American Army. And, unlike the "buzz bomb," it is constructive rather than destructive. Where the "buzz bomb" has killed men, women and children in the thousands, the weapon developed by U. S. government experts has saved human lives in the millions, and, while it has also killed in the millions, its only victims were disease-carrying insects.

The American secret weapon is an insecticide—known simply by the letters DDT. Here's what U. S. Army Surgeon General's Office says of it: "DDT constitutes the most valuable single contribution of our war-time medical research to the

medical officers, they are responsible for the welfare of the patients.

Thirteen of the internes now serving at the hospital will complete their work here next month to await further orders. Three of the present internes entered the hospital in December and two were assigned here only recently.

future health and welfare, not only of this nation, but of the world."

DDT is a "secret" weapon only in that its potentialities were practically unknown until 1942 when extensive tests were conducted by U. S. Department of Agriculture experts of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institute of Health. Actually it was discovered by a German student named Zeidler, in 1874. But, for years, like thousands of others synthesized at universities, it remained on the shelves as just another compound until a Swiss firm, in its search for materials to render woollens moth-proof discovered its insecticidal value. Later, the Swiss Agricultural Experiment Station showed it to have merit in combating certain agricultural pests and in killing houseflies.

The tests conducted at Orlando, Fla., by U. S. government experts were primarily for the purpose of determining whether the powerful insecticide could be used with safety to humans and animals, since it appeared to be a nerve poison. Extensive toxicological tests, however, failed to demonstrate any toxic effects from the use of a powder composed of 10% DDT and 90% of a neutral carrier, and as a result, it was accepted for general military use.

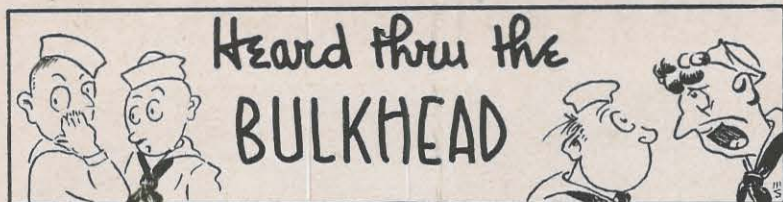
Let's imagine it is D-Day for our men lying off some Jap-held Pacific

Manila (CNS)—A war of quiet deadliness—little publicized but fought around the clock by courageous U.S. airmen—is slowly strangling Japan. From captured air bases in the Philippines, our fliers are blockading the enemy's main islands. The South China Sea, ocean highway over which for 3 years Japan drew the sinews of war from conquered Malaya and the Netherlands Indies, now is virtually closed to Jap shipping.

island. A fleet of our bombers sweeps over the island, but they drop no bombs. Instead they spray it with an almost invisible discharge of DDT in oil. In a matter of a few hours practically every mosquito on the island is dead. And for several days, while we are establishing a beachhead and setting up other control measures, we don't have to worry about malaria or dengue.

One of the most remarkable qualities of DDT is its persistence. When applied to wood or canvas, its killing effect lasts for several months. A 5% solution of DDT in refined kerosene applied as a spray to infested beds and mattresses not only will kill all bed bugs actually struck but will kill any of the bugs coming in contact with the surfaces for 6 or 8 months.

The entire output of DDT, more than 2,000,000 pounds a month, currently is going to the armed forces. But when the war ends, the boon to housewives and farmers will be incalculable. It is without peer as an insecticide, and can be applied in a wide variety of ways against practically all of our common insect enemies and pests.



They say . . . it's like pulling teeth to get an appointment at the dental clinic these days.

They Say: There was a WAVE who dated a sailor and found that he was A-W-O-L-F.

Quite an interesting article in the mid-March issue of Our Navy written by a member of Navy Nurse corps entitled "I Sing Their Praises" has to do with Hospital Corpsmen. Wonder if all nurses feel that way?

What Wave on the compound was responsible for the recent \$15 phone call from Portsmouth, Va.? The conversation must have been interesting!

St. Peter: "Who knocks at the Pearly Gates?"

Gabriel: "Some American sailors want to get in."

St. Peter: "Oh well, let 'em in. They'll want a transfer in three months."

There were tears in the eyes of a group of Waves who were all set to go to the Horse Show down at the Olympic stables the day before pay day, and when they got there there were no reduced admission prices for service people.

Scuttlebutter: "Daddy, what is the curse of drink?" "Being stuck with the check, dear."

Mrs. Gabble—"Is your son still 'a member of the navy,' Mandy?"

Mandy—"Ah ain't sho', ma'am. But Ah knows dey am out lookin' for him, so Ah guess he's at least still a member at large."

Sailor: "Darling, I'd go through anything for you."

Wave: "Fine, let's start on your pay check, then."

Just to prove that "all the world loves a lover," and a pair of them they love better, patients and corpsmen on Ward 3, recently collected a well-filled purse and presented it to newly-weds Don and Trudie Lash.

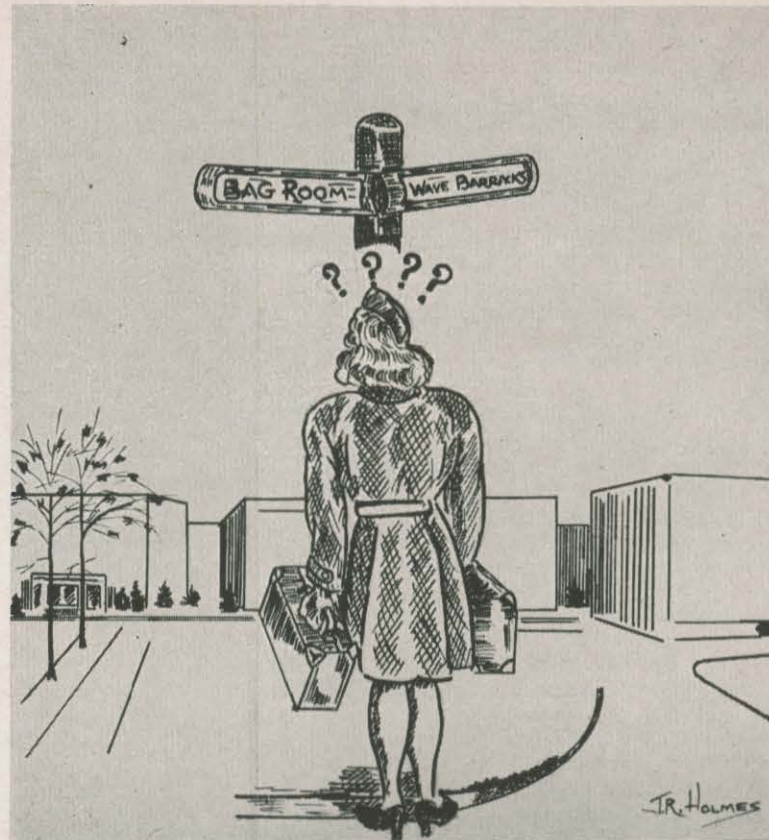


As one of the newly wedded WAVES so aptly put it: Success is getting what you want and happiness is wanting what you get . . . which doesn't bring up the topic but in case you're interested . . . Ship's Service Store now has quite an assortment of WAVE accessories which are much handier to purchase than a trip to town and you don't have to stand in line.

Draped in a Seattle dress shop window last week was a turquoise blue model. A gem with frills, flounces and fluffy lace. We stood, paid silent tribute and drooled a bit and turned to walk on. Just behind us was standing a brother salt paying homage to the same. "Say," he spoke from his reverie, "what do you call that?" "That," we told him, "is a cutie." "I'll say it is . . . I wish I had one to put in it." Good heavens . . . do men think about women all the time the way women think about men all the time?

The VE-Day announcement which came in about the time WAVES were paddling off to their daily toils caused no little amount of bubbling among a few who have husbands and intendeds in that area . . . looks like the fancy work is going to catch it more than ever in the evenings.

The barracks said adieu and fond farewell last week to Helen Parker, PhM3c, physical therapy technician, who left for the old stampin' grounds of Hunter College, where she received orders to attend a 16-



NURSES' NOTES

LT. (jg) ROSE THORNTON, N. C.

The nurses' reporter, Lt. (jg) Rose Thornton is off on a bit of a leave with a trek to Ohio as her destination. Absence from the Stetho makes the heart grow fonder, so hurry back Miss Thornton.

A large group of nurses departed last week for various parts of the country. Eastward bound were Lt. Anna Mary Ozimec, USN.; Lts. (jg) Charlotte Ione Bailey, and Mary Gordene Baxter, USN; Lt. (jg) Marjorie Iola Kraft, USNR, all of whom will see duty aboard a hospital ship. Lt. (jg) Annette Miller, USNR has departed for the Naval Hospital at St. Albans, N. Y., and Lt. Margaret Evlane Scott, USN and Ensign Kathleen Daly, USNR, will be doing duty at Davisville, R. I.

Welcome aboard to Lt. (jg) Clarice Rice, USNR, Lt. Annette Baer, USN, and Lt. Frances Little, USN, who reported the first of the month from the U. S. Naval Hospital at San Diego.

weeks course in advanced instruction in physical therapy. Parker has been aboard here since March 1944 and took her corps school work at Bethesda. She received her technician's rating on the station. Also traveling back to the old Boot School was Marie Koefod, HA1c, a product of St. Alban's who will attend a course of instruction at the Hunter College Rehabilitation School. Good luck, girls.

King, Johnston and Balko, and Muhlman were a bunch of happy guys who left last week on leaves. . . . I always said "Leaves is my favorite flower."

Concert by Tibbett Cancelled—Missed Train

Naval Hospital Personnel were disappointed last week on Wednesday when Lawrence Tibbett, radio and stage singer, failed to appear for a scheduled concert at the hospital auditorium. The incident was a duplicate of that experienced last year when Tibbett was in Seattle and "unable" to fill a scheduled appearance at the hospital.

In a telephone conversation with Lt. Thompson, welfare officer, Tibbett explained that the train which brought him into Seattle was too late for his Wednesday evening concert and explained that his schedule for the remainder of the week was so crowded that he would be unable to come to the hospital.

A Seattle newspaper reporter in an interview with Tibbett stated: "A quartermaster in the Navy during the First World War, Tibbett likes to sing to wounded veterans of the Second. He keeps on being astonished that they like the 'gentle sentimental type of music'."

Confidentially, the personnel would be astonished if Tibbett turned up for a performance.

Machinery Started

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sonnel in accordance with reference (c). However, commands and commanding officers shall be expected to fleet-up enlisted personnel with their organizations to fill vacancies. With this in mind, they are directed to insure that whenever possible enlisted personnel now under their commands are sufficiently trained to provide adequate reliefs upon release to inactive duty of retired enlisted personnel.

TIPS ON THE PIX

Recreation Auditorium

Shows at 1730 and 1930

WEDNESDAY, 16 MAY—

No Show.

THURSDAY, 17 MAY—

"CONFLICT," Humphrey Bogart and Alexis Smith.

FRIDAY, 18 May—

"BREWSTER'S MILLIONS," Dennis O'Keefe and Helen Walker.

SATURDAY, 19 MAY—

"HIS BUTLER'S SISTER," Deanna Durbin and Franchot Tone. 1930—USO SHOW No. 7 "HI FELLAS."

Ads 'n Stuff

LOST—On Compound, five keys on brown leather key ring by Wave J. A. McDonald. Reward offered for return.

FOR SALE—Navy Chief's green uniform, size 37 regular, good condition. See Chief Julian, Ward 28.

FOR RENT—Room suitable for couple; kitchen privileges. Joseph Palmer, 12340 21st N.E.